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Border Patrol seizes more than 1,100 pounds of marijuana

Tucson, Ariz.—Border Patrol agents have made a significant seizure of illegal drugs from within the West Desert Corridor. Deputy Chief Patrol Agent Ed Pyeatt says, "Agents assigned to the Casa Grande Station arrested a member of the Tohono O'odham nation and seized 1,127.5 pounds of marijuana."

The drugs were found inside a 1996 Ford van that was stopped by Border Patrol Agents at about seven o'clock this morning along a stretch of Federal Route 19 near milepost 22. Agents had stopped the vehicle after determining its license plates were in fact stolen U. S. government plates. The license plates were stolen this past July from a U. S. Marine recruiting vehicle in Tucson. Twenty-three bundles of what was later determined to be marijuana were found inside the vehicle.

The subject, the vehicle and the drugs have been turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration in Tucson.

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